

House Bill 1: The Feed Bill
January 2011

- Appropriates funds for the operation of the 62nd Legislature, January 2011 through December 2012, and initial costs of the 63rd Legislature

- As introduced, appropriates \$8,774,520 from the General Fund
 - ✓ Senate \$3,095,836
 - ✓ House \$5,021,947
 - ✓ Legislative Services Division¹ \$ 656,737

EXHIBIT 1
DATE 6-10-2011
HB 1

¹ Appropriation to the Legislative Services Division for specific session operational costs. LSD's biennial budget is contained in HB 2.

- Expenses covered:
 - ✓ Legislator salaries², per diem², benefits² and mileage²
 - ✓ House and Senate staff salaries
 - ✓ House and Senate operational costs
 - ✓ Leadership discretionary funds
 - ✓ Legislative Services Division (LSD) costs for bill printing and distribution², information office², publications, House and Senate phones, and legislator technology allowance
 - ✓ Caucus costs², November 2012
 - ✓ Legislator orientation and training, November 2012
 - ✓ Committee chairmen training, December 2012
 - ✓ Pre-session operational costs, December 2012

² Denotes a fixed cost where entitlement, rate or rate calculation method is defined in statute, or the service is required by statute.

- The feed bill as introduced is \$369,255 less than the 2009 feed bill (a decrease of 4%) due to:
 - ✓ Net reduction of \$486,464 related to funding the costs of the next legislature which are incurred prior to passage of a feed bill
 - 2009 feed bill fully funded 61st Legislature plus initial costs of the 62nd Legislature
 - First time a feed bill provided funding for a subsequent legislature
 - 2009 feed bill incurred a one-time cost to establish the "cycle"
 - ✓ Decrease of \$201,770 for LSD TVMT production costs (funded in HB 2 beginning in fiscal year 2010)
 - ✓ Net decrease of \$58,760 for House and Senate staff salaries and operations
 - ✓ Net decrease of \$37,902 for LSD bill printing, publications, information office
 - ✓ Elimination of \$33,600 for the legislative intern program
 - ✓ Increase of \$295,317 for legislator benefits (i.e., health insurance, retirement, etc.)
 - ✓ Increase of \$120,000 for legislator technology allowances (previously included in 2007 feed bill then budgeted in HB 2 in 2009)
 - ✓ Increase of \$33,924 for November 2012 legislator orientation and training, and December 2012 pre-session operations
- Money not expended will revert to the General Fund

FEED BILL SUMMARY**Printed:****62nd Legislature**

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AS INTRODUCED**2011 FB****2009 FB****Difference****Senate Budget****BUDGET SUMMARY BY ORG**

Legislator Salary and Expenses	2,075,267
Attache Salaries	752,662
Operations and Equipment	67,600
Session Subcommittee Travel	0
Leadership Budget - Majority	10,000
Leadership Budget - Minority	5,000
Caucus and Start-Up for 2013	132,930
Orientation and Training, Nov 2012	43,787
Succeeding Session Initial Costs	192,104
Less: Funded in Previous FB	(183,514)
Total Senate Budget	3,095,836

1,986,631	88,636
804,098	(51,436)
56,000	11,600
0	0
10,000	0
5,000	0
123,280	9,650
38,729	5,058
183,514	8,590
0	(183,514)
3,207,252	(111,416)

House of Representatives Budget**BUDGET SUMMARY BY ORG**

Legislator Salary and Expenses	3,984,012
Attache Salaries	729,530
Operations and Equipment	75,400
Session Subcommittee Travel	0
Leadership Budget - Majority	10,000
Leadership Budget - Minority	5,000
Caucus and Start-Up for 2013	150,772
Orientation and Training, Nov 2012	57,920
Succeeding Session Initial Costs	334,666
Less: Funded in Previous FB	(325,353)
Total House of Reps Budget	5,021,947

3,777,331	206,681
771,254	(41,724)
52,600	22,800
0	0
7,500	2,500
7,500	(2,500)
140,086	10,686
49,390	8,530
325,353	9,313
0	(325,353)
5,131,014	(109,067)

Legis Serv Div Feed Bill Program**BUDGET SUMMARY BY ORG**

Bill Printing and Distribution	384,503
Legislative Publications	48,580
Legislative Information Office	43,293
Legislative Telephones	49,861
TVMT Broadcasting	0
Legislative Intern Program	0
Legislator Technology Allowance	120,000
Succeeding Session Initial Costs	16,500
Less: Funded in Previous FB	(6,000)
Total Services Division Budget	656,737

421,185	(36,682)
52,580	(4,000)
42,424	869
47,950	1,911
201,770	(201,770)
33,600	(33,600)
0	120,000
6,000	10,500
0	(6,000)
805,509	(148,772)

Total Feed Bill, All Programs 8,774,520**9,143,775 (369,255)****Funding Sources:**

HB 1, 015J1, Senate 62nd Leg	2,903,732
HB 1, 020J1, House 62nd Leg	4,687,281
HB 1, 010J1, Leg Srv 62nd Leg	640,237
HB 1, 015K3, Senate 63rd Leg	192,104
HB 1, 020K3, House 63rd Leg	334,666
HB 1, 010K3, Leg Srv 63rd Leg	16,500

3,023,738	(120,006)
4,805,661	(118,380)
799,509	(159,272)
183,514	8,590
325,353	9,313
6,000	10,500

Total Funding Sources: 8,774,520**9,143,775 (369,255)**

Feed Bill Fact Sheet

Montana Constitution: Article V, Section 5. Each member of the legislature shall receive compensation for his services and allowances provided by law. No legislature may fix its own compensation.

Budgetary Approving Authorities: Section 17-7-102, MCA. The President for the Senate; the Speaker for the House of Representatives.

Legislator Session Costs:

1. **Salary:** \$82.64 per legislative day. Commensurate to a daily rate of a state employee earning \$10.33 an hour, adjusted by any statutorily required pay increase (from last session). 5-2-301, MCA.
2. **Per diem:** \$105.31 per day paid 7 days a week during a legislative session unless the Legislature recesses for more than 3 days. Rate recalculated each session as the **lowest** one of the following prescribed in 5-2-301, MCA:
 - a. Department of Administration survey of 4 surrounding states.
 - b. Cost of living increase calculated by the Department of Revenue.
 - c. 5% increase.
3. **Mileage:** Rate provided in statute, 2-18-503, MCA, currently \$.51/mile. Legislator is allowed 4 round trips.
4. **Health Insurance:** Two options provided in 5-2-303, MCA. Effective for the entire 2-year term.
 - a. Option 1 (same as state employees) Participate in state benefits group plan and receive the employer contribution of \$733/month.
 - b. Option 2 (available only to legislators) – Retain comparable personal coverage and receive reimbursement of out-of-pocket premium cost up to \$733/month.
5. **Public Retirement Systems:** Option to participate in public retirement systems for entire 2-year term. Employee and employer contribution required whenever salary is paid. 5-2-304, MCA.

Pre-session Caucus: 5-2-201, MCA. To be held not later than December 1 of each year following an election of members of the legislature. Legislators and legislators-elect entitled to compensation and expenses.

Pre-session Organization: 5-2-202, MCA. Legislators nominated to leadership positions, the committee on committees, and rules committees may meet and perform organizational tasks. Entitled to receive compensation and expenses.

Legislator Orientation and Training: 5-2-203, MCA. A legislator or legislator-elect attending legislative orientation and training is entitled to receive compensation and expenses.

House and Senate Staff and Operations: Projections for salaries based on historical staffing patterns and new hire data. Operational costs based on expenditure history. House and Senate telephone cost is budgeted within the legislative services division feed bill funding.

Legislative Services Division (LSD) Data Distribution and Information Offices: 5-11-112, MCA. Requires the LSD to distribute legislative bills and information and to publish legislative records. The data distribution office and the legislative information office are activated just prior to a legislative session for the duration of the session.

Legislator Technology Allowance: Included in the legislative branch computer systems plan approved by the Computer Systems Planning Council and the Legislative Council. Provides an allowance to reimburse legislators for the purchase of technology equipment up to a specified maximum. Legislator is eligible each 4 years.

Succeeding Session Initial Costs: Provides funding for the succeeding session until the feed bill is passed and implemented. Includes initial mileage and per diem for legislators, and first payroll for legislators and staff. Calculated based on session start date, state payroll calendar, and statutory requirements.

Legislator Interim Costs are in HB 2:

1. Costs related to legislator salary, lodging, meals and mileage for interim committee activity is included in House Bill No. 2 under Program 21, Interim Committees and Activities.
2. Employer costs for health insurance and retirement payable during the interim are paid from the feed bill, House Bill No. 1.